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WASTE-BASKET OF WORDS.

A, AN. — At North Chatham, Cape Cod, it is a peculiarity of the vernacular not to use the article *an*, the natives invariably using *a* before vowels as before consonants; as, for instance, "a hour," "a ounce," "a honest man," etc. — *Sylvester Baxter, Boston, Mass.*

BEESONS. — A name for pine needles, used at Lynn, Massachusetts. — *Sylvester Baxter.*

CORPOROSITY. — See *Sagatiat*, below.

CULCH. — A domestic in my household, from Maine, uses this word as a synonym for rubbish, — "To sweep away all that *culch*." Can any one give me the history of this word? — *Abby Langdon Alger, Boston, Mass.*

"Old culch" is used in connection with stuff, household goods, etc., which are valueless. Thus, if a house was pretty shabbily furnished, we would say (in Salem, Mass.), "They had nothing in the house but a mess of old culch," or, if in a store the dealer had brought out the old stock with the new, we might say the greater part of the stock was "a mess of old culch." There seems to be a near relative to this word in *sculch*, which may be applied in a similar manner, but more in connection with *swill*. Food unfit to eat we were in the habit of calling *sculch*. Or if what was good had been kept for some days, so that one had become tired of seeing it in the closet, we might say: "Don't keep that *sculch* here any longer, throw it away." — *Helen S. Thurston, Waltham, Mass.*

DRUNKARDS. — At Hyannis this is the name by which the young, tender leaves of the checkerberry are called. These are gathered by the children in the spring, in considerable quantities, and eaten. Perhaps the name was given on account of their pungent taste and almost exhilarating effect; or, possibly, on account of their use as a leading ingredient in the making of home-brewed beer. — *Sylvester Baxter.*

GRANDS'R. — At Essex, Massachusetts, this abbreviation of *grandsire* is often used instead of *grandfather*. — *Sylvester Baxter.*

LOVELY. — At Hyannis, Cape Cod, this word was formerly frequently heard among old-fashioned people (and possibly still is) in a rather odd qualifying sense, as "lovely well," "lovely nice," etc. — *Sylvester Baxter.*

SAGATIATE (SEGASHUATE). — I have heard this word employed by a member of my own family (though not by any one else) in the sense of to be in good health or spirits. For example, "How do you sagatiate this morning?" or, "How does your corporosity sagatiate?" The latter expression was used, in a jocose way, when a friend came in. I should spell *sagatiat* rather than *segatiate*. — *Helen S. Thurston, Waltham, Mass.* — The word has been very familiar to me, in Central Illinois, from the time of my childhood. — *J. W. Bergen, Cambridge, Mass.* — It may be remembered that the term is employed as belonging to the dialect of Southern negroes, in the tales of Uncle Remus, where the form is *segashuate*.

SCULCH. — Waste victuals. See *Culch*.